The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March 1921, the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15.]

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Fish-curing yards in the Presidency.

481 Q.—Mr. S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Development to mention—

(*a*) at what places in this Presidency the fish-curing yards have been opened; and

(*b*) if they are successful, whether steps will be taken to investigate if such yards may be established on the Masulipatam coast.

A.—(*a*) Fish-curing yards are opened wherever there is a sufficient demand for them on behalf of the fishing community.

(*b*) There already exists one fish-curing yard at Mogalturru in the Kistna district.

Mr. S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD:—"With regard to my question as to the places in this Presidency at which the fish-curing yards have been opened, the answer given is somewhat ambiguous. I want to know specifically at what places the fish-curing yards have been actually opened."

The Hon'ble Rai Bahadur K. VENKATA REDDI NAYUDU:—"A list will be supplied to the Honourable Member."

Applications under sections 92 *and* 114 *of the Madras Estates Land Act I of* 1908.

482 Q.—Sri M. V. APPARAO Bahadur: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue—

(*a*) if subordinate Revenue officers are required to submit any returns to show the disposal of applications made under sections 92 and 114 of the Madras Estates Land Act I of 1908 for the sale of movable property and holdings distrained for the recovery of arrears due to the landholder in cases where no suit is filed contesting the distraint or sale; and

(*b*) whether the Government cannot issue orders for prompt disposal, taking into consideration the delay that is now made.

A.—No special return to show separately the disposal of applications under sections 92 and 114 has been prescribed. Annual and half-yearly returns are submitted showing the receipt and disposal of applications of all kinds under the Act and the necessary orders are issued wherever disposal is found to be unsatisfactory.

Zamindari work.

483 Q.—Sri M. V. APPARAO Bahadur: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue whether the Government have received any complaints from the zamindars in respect to the indifference of the village officers to do the zamindari work; if so, what steps have been taken by the Government to remedy the evil.